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	Meridian Investments, Inc.
	December 31 , 20 03, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that there the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account sified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:
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This	CAROL A. O'KEEFE Notary Public Commonwealth of Massachusetts My Commission Expires March 3, 2006 report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):
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X	(b) Statement of Financial Condition.
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$\frac{X}{2}$	(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
$\stackrel{\mathbf{X}}{\dashv}$	(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity, or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
<u> </u>	(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
X	(g) Computation of Net Capital.
$\stackrel{\mathbf{X}}{\dashv}$	(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
ᆗ	(i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
X	(j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-3 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
	(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
X	(l) An Oath or Affirmation.
X X	(m) A Copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
X	(n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

** For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

To the Trustees and Shareholders of Meridian Investment Properties Trust and Subsidiary Quincy, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition of Meridian Investment Properties Trust & Subsidiary (a Qualified Subchapter S Trust) as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures of the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Meridian Investment Properties Trust & Subsidiary as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Jacobs, Velella & Kerr, P.C.

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Needham, Massachusetts

January 28, 2004

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
December 31, 2003 and 2002

	2003		2002	
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash	\$	1,294,588	\$	1,131,265
Commissions and accounts receivable	•	3,825,690	•	1,716,490
Deposits and prepaid expenses		93,673		13,380
Deferred income taxes		97,415		55,058
Due from related parties		883,632		90,512
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		6,194,998		3,006,705
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net of				
accumulated depreciation		77,801		109,658
OTHER ASSETS				
Organizational costs, net of accumulated amortization		6,069		9,103
	\$	6,278,868	\$	3,125,466
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued liabilities and taxes	\$	2,201,933	\$	1,221,617
Deferred income taxes		172,462		91,092
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,374,395		1,312,709
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES		98		1,031
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Shares of beneficial interest, no par value,				
unlimited shares authorized, 1,000 shares		136,819		136,819
issued and outstanding		1,674,907		1,674,907
Retained earnings		2,092,649		1,077,507
Trust principal		3,904,375		1,811,726
	\$	6,278,868	\$	3,125,466
		0,270,000		5,125,700

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	2003			2002
REVENUE				
Commissions	\$	18,920,996	\$	11,877,712
TOTAL REVENUE		18,920,996	,	11,877,712
EXPENSES		a.		
Commissions		8,800,378		6,025,432
Other operating expenses		4,418,597		3,054,569
TOTAL EXPENSES		13,218,975		9,080,001
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS		5,702,021		2,797,711
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)				
Interest income		37,168		68,798
Interest expense		(609)		-
Dividend income	·	53		228
TOTAL OTHER INCOME		36,612		69,026
NET INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR				
(BENEFIT FROM) FOR INCOME TAXES		5,738,633		2,866,737
PROVISION FOR (BENEFIT FROM) INCOME TAXES				
Current		266,646		177,972
Deferred		38,080		(16,302)
TOTAL PROVISION FOR				
(BENEFIT FROM) INCOME TAXES		304,726		161,670
NET INCOME	\$	5,433,907	\$	2,705,067

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	Inve	Meridian stments, Inc. corporation)	Pr	Meridian Investment Properties Trust (a Qualifies Subchapter S tr	
	Retai	ned Earnings	Shares of beneficial interest		Trust Principal
Balance, December 31, 2001		2,608,976	136,	819	- -
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2002		-		-	2,705,067
Shareholders' distributions for the year ended December 31, 2002		(934,069)		<u>-</u>	(2,705,067)
Balance, December 31, 2002		1,674,907	136,9	819	-
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2003		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		-	5,433,907
Shareholders' distributions for the year ended December 31, 2003		· <u></u>		<u> </u>	(3,341,258)
Balance, December 31, 2003	\$	1,674,907	\$ 136,8	<u>\$19</u> \$	2,092,649

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Years Ended December 31, 2002 and 2001

	2003	2002	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income	\$ 5,433,907	\$ 2,705,067	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		. ,	
Deferred income taxes	38,080	(16,302)	
Depreciation and amortization	46,387	46,429	
Expenses allocated from related party	14,658,878	6,748,416	
Intercompany interest income	(15,400)	• •	
(Increase) decrease in:	, , ,	` ', ',	
Commissions and accounts receivable	(2,109,200)	188,370	
Deposits and prepaid expenses	(80,293)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Organizational costs	-	3,035	
Increase (decrease) in:		,	
Accrued liabilities and taxes	980,316	288,094	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	18,952,675	9,911,996	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Advances from related party	441,798	2,662,336	
Advances to related party	(15,878,396)	(8,426,807)	
Purchases of property and equipment allocated from related party	(11,496)	(84,807)	
NET CASH USED IN			
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(15,448,094)	(5,849,278)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Distributions to shareholders	(3,341,258)	(3,639,136)	
NET CASH USED IN			
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(3,341,258)	(3,639,136)	
NET INCREASE IN CASH	163,323	423,582	
CASH, BEGINNING	1,131,265	707,683	
CASH, ENDING	\$ 1,294,588	\$ 1,131,265	

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Meridian Investments, Inc. is a Massachusetts corporation formed in December 1981 with office locations in Massachusetts and Maryland. The Company is a securities broker-dealer firm, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and securities regulatory commissions in various states and Washington D.C. It is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). The Company is primarily involved in placing tax advantaged investments in affordable housing limited partnerships.

On December 28, 2000, the existing shareholders of the Company exchanged their respective shares of common stock for shares of beneficial interest in Meridian Investment Properties Trust, a Massachusetts Business Trust, electing to be taxed as a qualified subchapter S trust under the Internal Revenue Code. This exchange caused the company to become the wholly owned subsidiary of the trust. Generally accepted accounting principles requires the consolidation of the separate financial statements of the parent and subsidiary into one presentation. Substantially all of the activity, except for the payment of state income taxes, is carried on by the subsidiary. On December 29, 2003, the shareholders of the qualified subchapter S trust voted and approved to dissolve the trust. See NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.

Throughout these consolidated financial statements references to the "Company" are intended to mean the consolidated entities of Meridian Investment Properties Trust and Meridian Investments, Inc.

B. PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Meridian Investments, Inc. Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in the consolidation.

C. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For financial statement purposes, the Company considers all short-term debt and investment securities purchases with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

E. ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

The Company experiences a low rate of its accounts receivable that become uncollectible. Therefore these financial statements do not contain a provision for uncollectible accounts.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

F. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using methods and lives sufficient to amortize the cost of the applicable assets over their useful lives. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets sold or otherwise disposed are removed from the related accounts and the resulting gains or losses are reflected in income, except on assets traded. Expenditures for normal maintenance and repairs are expensed, while major renewals are capitalized.

G. REVENUE RECOGNITION

Commission revenues are recognized upon the completion of a sale of an investment (earned). The related commission expense is recognized when the commission is earned by the Company.

H. INCOME TAXES

On February 9, 1994, Meridian Investments, Inc. with the consent of its stockholders, elected under the Internal Revenue Code to be taxed as an S corporation. The election was effective as of December 1, 1992. On December 28, 2000, the corporation elected to become a qualified subchapter S subsidiary of Meridian Investment Properties Trust, which elected to be taxed as a qualified subchapter S trust. In lieu of federal income taxes, the beneficiaries of a qualified subchapter S trust are taxed on their proportionate share of the consolidated Company's taxable income. Therefore, these financial statements do not contain a provision for federal income taxes. For the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, a provision for state income taxes was provided for pursuant to Massachusetts law concerning the taxation of qualified subchapter S trusts.

I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees of the Company are entitled to paid vacation days depending on job classification, length of service and other factors. It is impracticable to estimate the amount of compensation for future absences and, accordingly, no liability has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements. The Company's policy is to recognize the costs of compensated future absences when actually paid to employees.

J. ADVERTISING COSTS

Advertising costs, except for costs associated with direct-response advertising, are charged to operations when incurred. The costs of direct-response advertising are capitalized and amortized over the period during which future benefits are expected to be realized.

NOTE 2 - DUE TO/FROM RELATED PARTY

Due to/from related party represents monies advanced to/borrowed from Meridian Properties, Inc. and Meridian Energy, Inc., affiliated corporations. The balances outstanding at December 31, 2003 and

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

NOTE 2 - DUE TO/FROM RELATED PARTY - continued

2002 are comprised of (1) amounts actually advanced to/borrowed from the affiliate, (2) specific expenses actually paid by the affiliate for the benefit of the Company and (3) common operating expenses allocated to the Company.

Interest on the note is charged on the average monthly balance at the applicable federal rate per annum. Interest receivable on the balance at December 31, 2003 and 2002 is \$ 15,400 and \$ 50,616, respectively.

NOTE 3 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

At December 31, 2003 and 2002, property and equipment consisted of the following:

		2003		2002	
Computer equipment and software	\$	133,249	\$	122,746	
Equipment		46,563		45,571	
Furniture and fixtures		60,192		60,192	
Leasehold improvements		76,199		76,199	
		316,203	•	304,708	
Less: accumulated depreciation		(238,402)		(195,050)	
NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$	77,801	\$	109,658	

NOTE 4 - LEASES

The Company leases its office locations in Massachusetts and Maryland under operating leases through its affiliated corporation, Meridian Properties, Inc. The Maryland lease expired on September 30, 1997 and the option to renew for an additional five years was exercised. During 1998, additional office space in Maryland was leased for a term of four years and three months, beginning June 1, 1998, expiring on August 31, 2002. The new lease provides for rental escalation based upon the Consumer Price Index beginning in the second lease year and every year thereafter. On March 1, 2002, the lease was renegotiated to expire on February 28, 2007.

The Massachusetts lease dated January 25, 1989 as amended on various dates through 2000, was amended on February 12, 2001 to amend the amount and location of the office space being leased. The Massachusetts office also began leasing various pieces of office equipment in the year 2000 under operating leases expiring on various dates in the year 2005.

For the twelve months ending December 31, 2003, 35% of the lease payments for the Massachusetts and Maryland operating leases were allocated to the Company.

Based upon the aforementioned allocations, future minimum rental payments under the operating leases are as follows:

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

NOTE 4 - LEASES - continued

Years Ended December 31,		Amount
2004	\$	107,297
2005		96,080
2006		39,584
2007		7,865
2008	 	-
	\$	250,826

Rent expense for years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 was \$ 100,784 and \$ 109,492, respectively.

NOTE 5 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company shares office space at its locations with Meridian Properties, Inc., Meridian Capital Investments, Inc., Meridian SALT, Inc., and two entities organized in 2003, Carbon Energy, LLC and Meridian Clean Fuels, Inc., all affiliated companies. Except for items specifically identified to one of the companies, overhead and other operating expenses, including personnel costs, are shared with the affiliated companies. Allocations of all shared expenses are determined by personnel time devoted to each entity.

During 2002, two new companies were formed, Meridian Capital Investments, Inc. and Meridian SALT, Inc. Both companies were formed in January 2002.

On May 1, 2003, Meridian Energy, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, was merged into a newly formed Meridian Energy, Inc., incorporated under the laws of the state of Nevada. This merger qualified as a Type "F" reorganization under the Internal Revenue Code, resulting in no federal tax consequences. As a result of the merger, Carbon Energy, LLC and Meridian Clean Fuels, Inc. assumed the allocation percentage of former Massachusetts corporation as of May 1, 2003.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, the allocation ratio was 35% Meridian Investments, Inc., 25% Meridian Clean Fuels, Inc., 25% Meridian Capital Investments, 10% Meridian SALT, Inc., and 5% Meridian Properties, Inc.

For the year ended December 31, 2002, the allocation ratio was 40% Meridian Investments, Inc., 25% Meridian Energy, Inc., 20% Meridian Capital Investments, Inc., 10% Meridian SALT, Inc. and 5% Meridian Properties, Inc.

NOTE 6 - SALE OF STOCK RESTRICTIONS

At December 31, 2003 and 2002, certain stockholders of the Company were restricted with respect to the sale of their stock in the Company. An agreement, reviewed annually, permits the Company the

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

NOTE 6 - SALE OF STOCK RESTRICTIONS - continued

right of first refusal upon the proposed sale of Company stock to anyone except the Company. Term life insurance policies on these shareholders have been purchased by the Company in order to facilitate a death related buyout. Upon the death of one of these shareholders, proceeds from the life insurance policies will be used to purchase their respective shares.

NOTE 7 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Company is engaged in the placement of tax advantaged investments in affordable housing in the United States. The Company generates substantially all of its income from fees earned from the sale of these investments.

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of commissions receivable. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to commissions receivable arise due to the fact that the Company conducts business with a limited number of companies. As of December 31, 2003 and 2002, commissions receivable due from two companies totaled \$3,825.960 and \$1,716,490, respectively.

The Company also maintains cash balances in one financial institution located in Boston, Massachusetts. Accounts at the institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Company had uninsured cash balances totaling \$1,194,588 and \$973,903, respectively.

NOTE 8 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of a minimum net capital of \$5,000 or 6.66% of total aggregate indebtedness, whichever is higher, and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Company had net capital, required net capital, excess net capital and a net capital ratio as follows:

	2003		2002	
Net Capital Required Net Capital	\$	805,061 158,141	\$	851,819 87,495
Excess Net Capital	\$	646,920	\$	764,324
Aggregate Indebtedness	\$	2,374,493	\$	1,313,740
Net Capital Ratio	-	3.67 to 1		1.54 to 1

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

NOTE 9 - DEFERRED TAXES

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes" (FAS 109), the Company recognizes deferred tax assets or liabilities for the future tax benefit or expense arising from the different methods of recognition for certain items of income and expense for book and income tax purposes. Amounts presented on the balance sheets represent the amount of deferred tax assets and liabilities recognized during the year.

Temporary differences giving rise to deferred tax assets consist of accrued expenses which are deducted when paid (cash basis), for tax purposes, rather then when the liability is incurred (accrual basis), for financial statement purposes.

Temporary differences giving rise to deferred tax liabilities consist of accounts receivable which are reported when received (cash basis), for tax purposes, rather than when earned (accrual basis), for financial statement purposes. In addition, prepaid expenses are deducted when paid (cash basis), for tax purposes, rather than when the related liability is incurred (accrual basis), for financial statement purposes. Also, the excess of tax depreciation over the amount reported for financial statement purposes gives rise to deferred tax liabilities.

2003

2002

At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the deferred tax asset is comprised of the following:

Accrued expenses	\$	97,415	\$	55,058
TOTAL CURRENT DEFERRED TAX ASSET	\$	97,415	\$	55,058
At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the deferred tax liability	y is comp	prised of the fo	llowing:	
		2003		2002
Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses	\$	172,156 306	\$	90,974 118
TOTAL CURRENT DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY		172,462		91,092
Excess tax depreciation over book depreciation		98		1,031
TOTAL NON-CURRENT DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY		98		1,031
TOTAL DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY	\$	172,560	\$	92,123

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

NOTE 10 - SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	 2003		
Income taxes paid	\$ 519,800	\$	4,916
Interest paid	\$ 609	\$	_

NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On December 29, 2003, the shareholders' of Meridian Investment Properties Trust voted and approved to dissolve the Trust, effective January 1, 2004, and to merge it with its wholly owned subsidiary, Meridian Investments, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation.

The merger qualifies as a Type "F" reorganization under the Internal Revenue Code, therefore, there will be no federal or state tax consequences as a result. All activity, effective January 1, 2004, will be carried out by the former wholly owned subsidiary, Meridian Investments, Inc. In addition, Meridian Investments, Inc. will be required to make a new S Corporation election under the Internal Revenue Code, effective January 1, 2004.

CONSOLIDATED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RULE 17A-5 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

To the Trustees and Shareholders of Meridian Investment Properties Trust & Subsidiary Quincy, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Meridian Investment Properties Trust & Subsidiary as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and have issued our report thereon dated January 28, 2004. Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic consolidated financial statements. The information contained in Schedule II is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic consolidated financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

Jacobs, Velella & Kerr, P.C.

Needham, Massachusetts

January 28, 2004

SCHEDULE I - OPERATING EXPENSES (CONSOLIDATED)

For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	2003		2002	
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Bank charges and fees	\$	1,841	\$	1,700
Computer supplies and expense		35,093	•	41,301
Charitable contributions		42,556		44,518
Depreciation and amortization		46,387		49,463
Dues and subscriptions	•	37,700		34,098
Education and training		37,685		21,640
Employee benefits		78,779		76,189
Filing fees		23,283		24,099
Insurance		109,021		103,659
Legal and accounting		423,606		40,135
Meetings and conferences		-		4,677
Office supplies and expense		68,689		60,930
Penalties		182		570
Pension fees and contributions		154,744		132,383
Postage and delivery		15,967		15,323
Professional fees		8,718		1,196
Rent		100,784		109,492
Repairs and maintenance		2,197		1,478
Research and due diligence		1,603,025		1,189,460
Salaries and wages		379,344		403,514
Selling expense		-		12,000
Taxes - payroll		184,547		133,947
Taxes - other		237,803		5,263
Telephone		33,739		40,006
Travel and entertainment	****	792,907		507,528
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$	4,418,597	\$	3,054,569

See independent auditor's report on supplementary information.

SCHEDULE II - COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

December 31, 2003 and 2002

	2003		 2002	
NET CAPITAL COMPUTATION				
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	3,904,375	\$ 1,811,726	
LESS: NON-ALLOWABLE ASSETS				
Commissions receivable in excess of		(1.046.500)	(45.4.5.4.)	
commissions payable		(1,946,793)	(691,078)	
Deposits and prepaid expenses		(93,673)	(13,380)	
Property and equipment		(77,801)	(109,658)	
Deferred income taxes		(97,415)	(55,058)	
Due from related party	_	(883,632)	 (90,512)	
NET CAPITAL BEFORE HAIRCUTS		805,061	852,040	
Haircuts on securities:	•			
Debt securities			 (221)	
NET CAPITAL	_\$	805,061	\$ 851,819	
RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMP	UTATIO	N		
NET CAPITAL PER FOCUS REPORT	\$	1,116,520	\$ 847,851	
AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS FOR:				
Cash		-	257	
Deposits and prepaid expenses		(82,531)	(2,238)	
Property and equipment		1,205	(5,342)	
Deferred taxes	•	(42,357)	(6,073)	
Due from related parties		(5,840)	(31,099)	
Accrued commissions and expenses		-	167,169	
Shareholders' equity due to audit				
adjustments affecting net income	-	(181,936)	 (118,706)	
NET CAPITAL	\$	805,061	\$ 851,819	

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL

To the Trustees and Shareholders of Meridian Investment Properties Trust & Subsidiary Quincy, Massachusetts

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements of Meridian Investment Properties Trust & Subsidiary as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, resectively, and for the years then ended, we considered its internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures, including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g), in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and in determining compliance with the exemptive provision of rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company (1) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13; (2) in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and (3) in obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by rule 15c3-3, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling the responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures, and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objective. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practice and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting

To the Trustees and Shareholders' of

Meridian Investment Properties Trust and Subsidiary

principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors and irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control structure, including procedures for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

In addition, no facts came to our attention indicating that the exemption provision of Rule 15c3-3 has not been complied with during the year.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our consideration of the internal control structure, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2002 and 2001, to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and should not be used for any other purpose.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT ON MATERIAL INADEQUACIES

To the Trustees

Meridian Investment Properties Trust & Subsidiary

Quincy, Massachusetts

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Meridian Investment Properties Trust & Subsidiary as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and for the years then ended. The report has been submitted to the proper regulatory agencies.

The above noted audits did not disclose any material inadequacies.

Jacobs, Velella & Kerr, P.C.

Needham, Massachusetts

January 28, 2004